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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Chief, Counter Intelligence Staff

SUBJECT : Debriefing of RB-47 Crew

REFERENCE : Memo for Asst Ch/DPD, from DC/CI, dtd
27 Mar 61, Same Subject

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1. At the time of shoot-down, [REDACTED] were engaged in a mission not at all unlike the missions granted this Division by its Agency charter. Hence, every detail and reaction encountered and experienced during that mission by [REDACTED] as well as their imprisonment and the substance of Soviet interrogation, are of obvious interest to us.

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2. As you may know through our close association with members of your staff during investigation of the [REDACTED] incident, we would be keenly interested in the types of questions asked by the Russians which might hint at either gaps of certain knowledge or confirmation of it. We are sorely aware of our lack of information concerning the interrogation of Frank Powers and the amount and type of intelligence which the Soviets may have gleaned from him.

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3. The flight planning and actual operation of the [REDACTED] mission, although highly classified, certainly are of no significant difference from those of our own. Thus, it would seem that the strict need-to-know as far as DPD is concerned, is limited to that information concerning the interrogation, which, in the first instance, is already known to the Soviets.

4. Details of the [REDACTED] debriefing will not only assist us from a mere intelligence point of view, but it may help us in flight planning and crew briefing for future operations. I hope that the above, though brief, convinces you of our need for the complete debriefing transcript.

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Assistant Chief, DPD-DD/P

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